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TO: CTE Administrators and Instructors

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SUBJECT: Instructional Program Leader Initiative

I am pleased to inform you that the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division in collaboration with Arizona State University's Office for Workforce Education and Development, is introducing the Instructional Program Leader Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to recognize exemplary CTE instructional program leaders and utilize their expertise at the secondary level to implement the Strategic Goals for Arizona CTE. Parallel to the development of the Strategic Goals, a national movement has emerged to examine the traditional high school system. The Arizona High School Renewal and Improvement Initiative identifies CTE as a curriculum program effectively preparing students for post-high school success in education as well as employment. The goals are as follows:

- Goal 1** Implement the vision and mission for Career and Technical Education
- Goal 2** Implement a new delivery system for Career and Technical Education reflecting commitment to rigor and relevance
- Goal 3** Institute a system of technical assessments for Career and Technical Education

Applications are being requested through a nomination process. An applicant may be nominated for consideration by a district administrator, peer teacher, CTE State Supervisor, or self-nomination. The application form and criteria checklist are attached. They are available on the CTE web site at <http://www.ade.state.az.us/cte/WhatsNew/>. Applications will be accepted beginning March 22 through May 1, 2005. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on criteria in categories including but not limited to:

- Professional Qualifications
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Student-Centered Learning Environment
- Collaboration with Academic Partners
- Community Connections/Collaboration

It is expected that each recognized Instructional Program Leader will make a 2-year commitment beginning June 2005 to assist the CTE Unit in implementing the CTE Delivery System Strategic Goals as follows:

Year 1

- Attend an orientation training regarding the expectations for participants
- Attend the 2005 ACTE Summer Conference in Tucson July 17-20, 2005 including recognition on July 20
- Design and deliver a workshop that showcases their program

Year 2

- Mentor CTE program area teacher(s)
- Advocate for the CTE Delivery System Strategic Goals

In return for their participation, each of the seven Instructional Program Leaders will receive a monetary stipend in the amount of \$2,500 for year 1 to support the activities identified for the first year. An additional stipend will be paid for year 2.

Arizona Career and Technical Education programs are among the best in the nation. I look forward to recognizing the best Instructional Program Leaders in our State!

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